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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-entitled matter, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Patent Office Examiner the International Preliminary Report on Patentability issued in Applicants' corresponding PCT application. Attached is the Preliminary Report on Patentability dated August 31, 2006. The references are already of record in this case. Thus, additional copies are not being provided. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over these references.

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knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a copy of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability by a PCT examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a PCT patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the reference, the accuracy of the statement of PCT examiner or the claims of the PCT application under the laws of the country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the PCT examiner's comments submitted therewith.

The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of receipt of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability, as certified in the attached Certification for Information Disclosure Statement. Therefore, we believe there are no fees involved with this prior art disclosure statement. However, in the event there are any fees payable, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 08-1391.

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